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## BY E-MAIL

The Honorable Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: U.S. v. Sergio Santos**  
1:14-cr-00590-PGG-1

Dear Judge Gardephe:

We are CJA counsel to defendant Sergio Santos in the above-referenced matter pending before Your Honor. We write to request prior authorization to obtain a Spanish-language translation of the preliminary Pre-sentence Report prepared by the Probation Office dated January 6, 2015. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e)(1). Mr. Santos was born in the Dominican Republic, where he resided until he immigrated to the United States in 2004. Mr. Santos is fluent and literate in the Spanish language but he does not read or understand the English language. Accordingly, we respectfully submit that a Spanish translation of the preliminary report is necessary for us to review the report with Mr. Santos in order to timely provide the Probation Office with comments or objections regarding errors or omissions therein (if any) and prepare for his sentencing hearing, currently scheduled for March 12, 2015.

We have obtained a price quote for a translation of the report from Alexander Wieder, who is included in the S.D.N.Y. Roster of Certified Spanish Interpreters. Mr. Wieder has informed us that the cost for translating the report will be a total of approximately US \$1100 to \$1250. We understand that this is a standard rate in the Southern District of New York.

Accordingly, we respectfully request the Court's authorization as follows:

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Name of Provider: Alexander Wieder  
Address: 607 Madison St. #C, Hoboken, NJ 07030  
Type of Service: Translation of Presentence Report  
Estimated Compensation: US \$1100 to \$1250  
Reason for Application: Defendant does not read or understand English and should be afforded the opportunity to review the preliminary Presentence Report in his native language (Spanish).

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jeremy C. Hollembeak

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Advance authorization is hereby approved in the amount of \$ 1250.00.

*So Ordered.*

Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge

Jan. 13, 2015  
Date